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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF MAY 2, 2007

Dear Commissioner:

Responsive to the office action dated May 2, 2007, reconsideration of the rejection of claims 1, 2, 9 and 10 and action on claims 3-8 and 11-14 is respectfully requested in the light of the Petition to Withdraw Requirement for Restriction and the following authorities and remarks.